

SERIAL NO. 09/520,825

PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: HUELER *et al.* Examiner: Dass, H.  
Serial No.: 09/520,825 Group Art Unit: 3628  
Filed: March 8, 2000 Docket No.: HUEC.300US01  
Title: ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
FACILITATING FINANCIAL TRANSACTION BIDDING AND  
REPORTING PROCESSES

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this communication is being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 27, 2006.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31

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This is a Notice of Appeal for the above-referenced application. Claims 1-10 are presented for appeal.

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A Request for Withdrawal of Finality of Rejection was filed on February 15, 2006. The finality of the rejection should have been withdrawn, as the Examiner admitted in the final Office Action that a new grounds of rejection was made to claims that were not amended. The Applicant is disappointed that no response to this request has been received to date, and files this Notice of Appeal in lieu of a response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

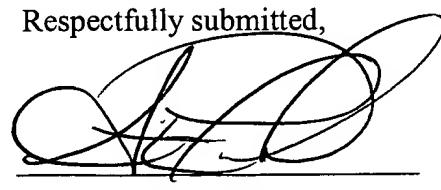
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